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SUBJ: USSOD: IRAQI DRAFT RESOLUTION ON MILIARY AND NUCLEAR
ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL

REF: STATE 144994

1. DURING MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER AHMAD SUWAIDI ON JUNE 13,
I RAISED MATTER OF UAE BEING ONE OF CO-SPONSORS OF IRAQI DRAFT
RESOLUTION BEFORE UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT. AFTER REVIEWING
ARGUMENTS CONTAINED IN PARA 3 OF REFTEL, I GAVE SUWAIDI AN AIDE
MEMOIRE SUMMARIZING THE PRINCIPAL POINTS. I EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT
THE UAE WOULD WITHDRAW ITS CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THIS DRAFT RESOLUTION.

2. SUWAIDI COMMENTED UN PERM REP, AMBASSADOR ALI HUMAIDAN HAD
ALREADY MADE PUBLIC STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF DRAFT RESOLUTION AND
HE DID NOT FEEL UAE COULD GET OUT OF STEP WITH OTHER ARAB STATES.
I NOTED THAT SAUDI ARABIA, ALGERIA AND EGYPT HAD SPECIFICALLY
NOT BECOME ASSOCIATED WITH RESOLUTION. I EMPHASIZE THAT PASSAGE
OF THIS KIND OF RESOLUTION WOULD UNDERCUT WHOLE PURPOSE AND THRUST
OF SSOD WHICH WAS TO TRY AND SEE IF THERE WAS NOT SOME GLOBAL WAY
TO DEAL COMPREHENSIVELY WITH COMPLEX DISARMAMENT AND ARMS CONTROL
ISSUES. WHATEVER UAE'S VIEWS MIGHT BE REGARDING ARMS SALES
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BY US TO INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES, THIS WAS NOT KIND OF SESSION IN
WHICH TO BRING IT UP. SUWAIDI OFFERED NO FURTHER COMMENT.

3. WE WILL FOLLOW UP THIS DEMARCHE WITH CALL ON LOWER-LEVEL OFFICIAL
IN FOREIGN MINISTRY WHOM WE HAD APPROACHED PRIOR TO SSOD TO EXPRESS
US HOPE THAT CONFERENCE WOULD NOT GET SIDETRACKED BY THIS KIND OF
ISSUE. WE ARE NOT OPTIMISTIC, HOWEVER, THAT WE CAN GET UAE AT THIS

TIME TO WITHDRAW AS A CO-SPONSOR.
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